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**S.B. 1091, proposed S.D. 2**  
**RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.**

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** this proposed bill with an amendment to include the rockfalls on February 23, 2019 along Honoapiilani Highway.

Emergency general funds of \$15,000,000 are necessary to complete debris removal, inspect and assess landslides and rockfalls risks, scale slopes, remove additional materials that poses risks of falling and construct landslide and rockfall protection structures for the public's safety. These funds will also be used for recovery efforts which includes the maintenance of the contraflow lanes of the Pali Highway and limited access restrictions along Honoapiilani Highway from mile marker 36 to mile marker 42 to allow local access and continued mitigation efforts.

The justification for general funds ensures the safe mobility of people and goods as safer highways contribute to stimulate growth, economic development and social benefits.

These emergency relief projects qualify for federal relief funds and the Federal Highway Administration may reimburse 80% back to the State general fund upon the completion of these projects.

The DOT offers another amendment after Section 3 and before Section 4 (to be renumbered as Section 5) to add the following language:

Section 4. The appropriation authorized under this Act shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year for which the appropriation is made, provided that any balance which is unencumbered as of June 30, 2020 shall lapse as of that date.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Ways & Means Committee,

**RE: SB1091 SD1, Relating to Transportation**

I write in support of Senate Bill 1091, Senate Draft 1. This measure allocates emergency funds to the Hawai'i Department of Transportation, for the purposes of mitigating landslides and installing rockfall protection on the Pali Highway. A Senate Draft 2 has been proposed to incorporate previous agency feedback from the Department for technical revision.

The 2018 Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i affirm that we "*recognize the necessity of providing a safe, efficient transportation infrastructure.*" Human safety but also the present threat to population access both justify this funding. Notably, the Pali Highway is the primary access between the Primary Urban Center (PUC) and the Windward side associated most with the Kailua and Kāne'ohe communities, which had a combined population of 73,214 persons according to the 2010 U.S. Census. Thousands more live in Waimanalo and areas north. As such, the highway experience high, daily traffic volumes, with simultaneous elevated risk of failure and vulnerability. This measure seeks to reduce the Pali Highway's vulnerability given the recent natural disasters that have struck our state routes, including the Pali.

My thanks to Senator Inouye for introducing this measure, and to the Committee. Your work with our public servants at the Department is responsive. Thank you for addressing the rockfall and landslide threats on the Pali Highway for human safety and our quality of life.

Respectfully,

Dylan P. Armstrong, Vice Chair  
O'ahu County Committee, O'ahu County Democrats

Addressed to the Committee on Ways and Means  
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair  
Bill Number SB1091 SD1  
In support of this measure  
Friday, March 1, 2019 at 10:00AM  
State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street

Aloha,

My name is Shyanne Castillo and I am currently a student with UH Manoa obtaining to become a Social Worker. I am a full-time distance student and a full-time worker. The measure I am testifying in favor of SB1091 SD1 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. For this proposed bill the appropriate funds for capital improvement projects for the highways division of the department of transportation.

There are few reasons as to why I support this proposed bill:

1. The roads all over our islands are getting more hard to control. I believe that if we start putting our funding to the roads and improve not only O'ahu but all of our islands then there will be a great impact when people drive.
2. Personally, here where I live, on Maui there is major potholes on the roads in Haiku and more are starting to occur since the heavy rain that we got. It can be very scary, especially when it rains. Can't see the roads sometimes along with the hole on the road, then there goes your tire or something.
3. This bill isn't just focused on O'ahu it is focusing on all of our Hawaiian islands. Which can be very beneficial to all of our islands.
4. For pedestrian safety, again I noticed on Maui, the state or county workers were putting up safety signs to warn people that there are pedestrian walking, and making it known it is by law that you have to stop for a pedestrian. Some places on Maui, people drive so fast and they don't even take into consideration for the pedestrian.

Again, I am in support of this proposed bill and hope you find my testimony helpful in the decision making process. I believe this proposed bill will have a great impact for all of our islands, and to make our roads safe again.

Shyanne Castillo